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LETTER DATED 8 DECEMBER 1995 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ALGERIA, ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, BRAZIL, CANADA, CHILE, THE CZECH REPUBLIC, DENMARK, EGYPT, FINLAND, FRANCE, GERMANY, GREECE, HONDURAS, IRELAND, ITALY, JAPAN, MALAYSIA, THE NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, NIGERIA, NORWAY, PAKISTAN, POLAND, PORTUGAL, SPAIN, SWEDEN, ROMANIA, TURKEY, UKRAINE, THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The improvement in the working methods and procedures of the Security Council is a matter of concern to both members and non-members of the Council, and it has been felt that transparency and increased consultations in matters relating to peace-keeping operations deserve particular attention in this context.

One year ago, the President of the Security Council issued a statement (S/PRST/1994/62) based on some of the ideas reflected in the letter (S/1994/1063), sent by Argentina and New Zealand and supported by a considerable number of Member States, related to the issue of consultations between members of the Security Council and troop-contributing countries.

This presidential statement initiated a mechanism to allow consultations among Security Council members, troop-contributing countries and the Secretariat. This mechanism was implemented during 1995.

In this current General Assembly, under agenda items 47, "Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters", 86, "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects" and 11, "Report of the Security Council to the General Assembly", many delegations have expressed their views on this subject.

While recognizing the usefulness of the above-mentioned mechanism, the general thrust of the interventions pointed to the need both to review the implementation of this decision of the Council and to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and representativity of these consultations, in the interest of creating the broadest possible support among Member States for peace-keeping operations mandated by the Council.

Presidential statement S/PRST/1994/62, adopted on 4 November 1994, referred to the need for keeping arrangements for consultations and exchange of information with troop contributors under review and expressed the Council's readiness to consider further measures to enhance arrangements in the light of experience.

For these reasons we request you to call a formal meeting of the Security Council to examine specifically the issue of consultations between the Security Council and the troop-contributing countries, in order to consider such further measures.

We would be grateful if you requested the Secretary-General to bring this letter to the attention of the Security Council and to circulate it as a document of the Security Council.

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